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BITTER ATTACK BY WHITE RUSSIAN DELEGATE AT ASSEMBLY MEETING

NEW YORK, OCT. 28.—WHITE RUSSIA TODAY ACCUSED BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES OF "FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER BY KEEPING TROOPS IN THE FAR EAST AND GREECE."

The charge was made on the floor of the General Assembly by M. Kuzma Kiselev, chief Byelo-Russian delegate, and brought into the open the sharp dispute between the Soviet Union and the Western Powers over the disposition of American and British armed forces.

Russia earlier had served notice that it would demand that the United States and United Kingdom give an accounting of their troops lying throughout the world.

M. Kiselev charged that Britain was doing everything she could to maintain troops in the Middle East, and particularly attacked the presence of British troops in Greece, charging anew that they were interfering with Greek affairs.

He said the number of British troops in Egypt was several times as great as Britain was entitled to maintain under the 1936 Treaty. He also said the British maintained an air force in Iraq and controlled the military forces in Iraq.

M. Kiselev charged the United States military in China with giving aid to a reactionary regime, an action "not calculated to contribute to the maintenance of peace in the Far East."

He said it was imperative that the United Nations take action against Franco along the line of Poland's ineffectual Security Council proposal that all nations rupture relations. He asserted that Spain was at present a military camp harbouring dangerous Nazi criminals and scientists, and the Franco Government was a danger to world peace and security.

He said the failure of the Security Council to take action was a great disappointment to peoples throughout the world. "We demand that the Council examine this question now," he stated.

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STALIN SEES CHURCHILL AS THREAT TO PEACE

London, Oct. 28 (UP).—Asked what in his opinion, at present was the most serious threat to peace in the whole world, Generalissimo Joseph Stalin replied: "The incendiaries of a new war, foremost of whom is Churchill and those who think like him in England and the United States."

He was replying to a questionnaire submitted by Mr Hugh Baillie, President of the United States.

Stalin cabled his replies in Russian to Mr. Baillie in London. As translated into English by the United Press in London, the questions and answers were as follows:

1. Do you agree with the opinion of Secretary of State Byelo, expressed in his broadcast speech of last Friday, about the increased tension between Russia and the United States?—No.

2. If such increasing tension exists, could you indicate a reason of reasons for it, and what are the main means for eliminating it?—This question does not apply in view of my answer to the preceding question.

3. Do you consider that present negotiations will lead to the conclusion of peace treaties which will establish amicable relations between peoples who were allies in the war against Fascism, and will they remove the danger of an outbreak of war on the part of the former Axis countries?—I hope so.

4. What in your opinion are the fundamental obstacles to the establishment of such amicable mutual relations between nations

Singapore Dock Strike Deadlock Over Rice Ration

Singapore, Oct. 28.—While the average individual Singapore rice ration is about four and half ounces daily, the 7,000 striking wharf workers insist on their demand for four one-pound rice meals daily being fully conceded, their representatives told the harbour authorities in renewed discussions this morning, it is authoritatively disclosed.

The impossibility of granting this demand was pointed out to the strike committee who decided to convene

NEW CEASE-FIRE PROPOSAL

Nanking, Oct. 28.—A three-article cease-fire proposal has been signed by 12 mediating third party leaders and delivered to the headquarters of the National Government, the Communists and the special United States envoy to China, Gen. George Marshall.

No details are as yet available of the specific points of the proposal which was the subject of a discussion among the members of the Government immediately Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek returned this afternoon after a one-week visit to Formosa.

According to neutral observers

the proposal probably stipulates

cease-fire in China proper, as well

as Manchuria, and provides for

the troops of both factions main-

taining the present position.

The Communists are not very

hopeful of peace, especially in

view of the latest Government

offensive in Manchuria which a

Communist spokesman to-day

said could hardly be described as

"self-defensive fighting."

Pretended Interest

He said that the Australian, Cuban and other attacks on the rule of unanimity, "made under cover of pretended interest in making the United Nations more democratic, are in fact simply made to break up the unanimity of the United Nations,

transforming that organ into a weapon for the will of individual states or group of states."

Earlier, Poland came to the defence of Russia and other big Powers after daylong attacks by small nations on veto powers in the United Nations.

The Polish Foreign Minister, M. Wincenty Rzymowski, told the Assem-

bly that Poland would continue to oppose all attempts at undermining voting procedure within the Security Council. Poland had opposed and would continue to oppose all attempts at dividing the great Powers and creating coalitions of nations lined up against each other.

Although dissenting from many small Powers on the veto question, Poland joined in the sentiments of

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Kowloon Rioters Admit Throwing Stones At Police

Rome, Oct. 28 (UP).—Rescue workers counted at least 40 dead and more than 1,000 injured and thousands homeless to-day following the violent week-end rainstorm which raged over two Italian islands and the Tyrrhenian coast of the mainland near Leghorn.

Thirty-three persons were killed and 1,000 injured on Sardinia where the worst damage occurred.

The local authorities said thousands of cattle were drowned and sections of the main line of the railway washed out.

At least 50 homes previously damaged by Allied air bombings collapsed when the Mazzu River flooded its banks near the Sardinian capital of Cagliari, and left water three yards deep in the suburb of Elmas.

Seven others met their death at Porto Santo Stefano outside Leghorn with some bodies carried one mile by the strong winds which at times reached cyclonic proportions. Officials said thousands of homes in the area were left roofless.

Govt Yields On National Health Bill

London, Oct. 28.—The Government yielded to Conservative Opposition in the House of Lords to-day by introducing three amendments to the National Health Service Bill giving hospital committees more control over their own hospitals.

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DUTCH SHIP SHELLED

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Bomb Discovered Near Parliament Building In Rome

Rome, Oct. 28 (UP).—Post-war Italy to-day underwent its greatest wave of Fascist activity since the liberation as thousands of neo-Fascists rampaged up and down the peninsula celebrating the 24th anniversary of Mussolini's Black Shirt march on Rome.

In Rome, the anniversary was marked by the discovery of a 77 mm unexploded projectile which had been planted during the night outside the Parliament buildings where the Republic's new constitutional assembly will meet next month.

The fused shell, which could have destroyed an entire wing of the chambers, was marked in white and draped with the traditional Black Shirt flag.

DARING PIRACY ON THE YANGTSE

Nanking, Oct. 28.—Two Chinese Army officers were shot dead and another officer seriously wounded when pirates opened fire on them during an attempt to seize the steamer Clifft Hsing owned by the San Hsing Shipping Company while it was en route from Wuhu to Nanking.

The crew said that a gang of 21 pirates, disguised as ordinary passengers, seized the vessel when it was passing the Sillangshu waters and completely looted the passengers, taking from them a booty worth NCS\$30,000,000.

The pirates also looted all the arms carried by the dead and wounded officers, and decamped from the ship at Newlouku.—Central News.

Caribbean and tropics were mustered for emergency duty to prevent outbreaks in the observance of Duce's grab of power on October 28, 1922, but were unable to prevent most of the overall display of black flags and Fascist symbols to plague the new born republic since Fascism was routed.

Scores have been arrested and hundreds of black flags torn down by the authorities throughout the country but the ringleaders escaped capture.

The greatest activity came from the monarchist south. In Naples the police were busy throughout the day neutralising and carting away assortments of bombs and tearing down streaming black pennants.

In the southern port city Fucist flags were removed from the principal doorway of the Bank of Naples, from schools and from many buildings on the principal streets.

The explosion of a 1,000-lb. bomb killed one and injured two in Milan where the fanatical Fascists dug up Mussolini's corpse last spring.

The police believed, however, that the bomb explosion was an isolated incident resulting from the attempt of a cult peddler to ripen his products by heating with an electrical apparatus.

In Rome and Naples special political police were patrolling the streets and arresting groups of youths and agitators found distributing Fascist pamphlets which the police said had been printed in Naples. They carried such typical Fascist slogans as "We don't give a damn" and "We want the Duce."

Carroll Case Opens At Sessions

The case against William Joseph Carroll, charged under the Defence Regulation with (1) between December 28, 1941, and February 20, 1942, assisting the enemy by serving as a member of the Japanese Army, and (2) acting as Procure of Supplies for the Japanese for the purchase of various kinds of metals, chemicals and radio parts, opened at the Criminal Sessions this morning before Mr Justice Williams.

Mr M. A. da Silva is appearing for the Prosecution and the Hon. Mr Leo D'Almada, instructed by Mr J. M. D'Almada Hemmings is defending. The case is proceeding.

Paris, Oct. 28.—Royal Air Force Headquarters in Paris this afternoon announced that a Meteor Gloster E-500, which took off from England to-day to break the London to Paris record, missed the Le Bourget airfield because of bad weather and made a forced landing in a field 24 kilometers northeast of Paris with its tanks almost dry.—Reuter.

The clue, it is believed, lies in the ambiguities of the 1000 Anglo-

Support For Entry Of Jews To Palestine Reiterated. By Truman

LETTER TO KING OF SAUDI ARABIA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—President Harry Truman has sent a letter to King Ibn Saud, of Saudi Arabia, reiterating his support for the immediate entry of at least 100,000 Jews into Palestine and establishment of a Jewish National Home there, it was announced in Washington to-day.

"My feelings with regard to Arabs are at present of a most friendly character. I deplore any kind of conflict between Arabs and Jews and am convinced that if both peoples approach the problem before them in a spirit of conciliation and moderation, these problems can be solved to the lasting benefit of all concerned," said the President.

"I take this opportunity to express my earnest hope that Your Majesty will use the great influence which you possess in finding in the immediate future a just and lasting solution."

President Truman drew King Ibn Saud's attention to the situation of the surviving victims of Nazi persecution in Europe and said that the Government and people of the United States had supported the concept of a Jewish National Home in Palestine since the termination of the First World War.

The letter continued: "The United States which contributed its blood and resources to winning that war could not divest itself of certain responsibility for the manner in which territories were disposed of, or for the fate of the peoples liberated at that time."

National Home

"It took the position to which it still adheres that these peoples should be prepared for self-government and also that a National Home for Jewish people should be established in Palestine.

"It was entirely in keeping with the traditional policies of this Government that over a year ago I began to correspond with the British in an effort to expedite the solving of urgent problems of Jewish survivors in displaced persons camps by the transfer of a substantial number of them to Palestine.

"This Government is still hopeful it may be possible to proceed along

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Palestine Jewry Goes To Polls

Jerusalem, Oct. 28.—The most important election in the history of Zionism takes place to-night when Palestine Jewry goes to the polls to elect 79 delegates to the 22nd World Zionist Congress due to open on December 9 at Basle, Switzerland—the scene of the first Congress in 1898.

On the result of the elections may rest the final decision whether Jews will join the London talks on the future of Palestine when these resume on December 16.

A dusk to dawn curfew which was clamped down on Jewish quarters in Jerusalem on October 10 is being lifted to-night for one night to enable the Jews to vote.

About 300,000 of Palestine's estimated 600,000 Jews have purchased "shekel"—the Zionist emblem entitling them to vote.

The 15 parties contesting are headed by the Palestine Labour party (Mapai) the biggest single political faction in Palestine.

For the first time in the history of the elections the Jewish Communist Party is contesting.—Reuter.

NO CHANGE IN SUDAN STATUS CONTEMPLATED

London, Oct. 28.—The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, stated in the House of Commons to-day that no change in the existing status and administration of Sudan was contemplated.

Mr Oliver Lyttelton (Conservative) asked if the statements attributed to the Egyptian Prime Minister were incorrect.

On his return to Egypt from London the Egyptian Prime Minister was reported to have stated that it had definitely been decided to achieve unity between Egypt and the Sudan under the Egyptian Crown.

Mr Attlee replied: "They seem to me to be partial and misleading, in so far as they seem to announce an agreement while these are purely preliminary conversations and nothing final was negotiated. In that respect I think Mr Lyttelton is correct."

"I must emphasise in the first place that the exchanges of view which have taken place in London between Mr Bevin, Foreign Secretary, and Sir Sidney Pasha, Egyptian Prime Minister, were conversations of a personal and exploratory basis and not negotiations.

Sino-Indian Ties Strengthened By Embassy Creation

(By Dore Campbell)

When the old signboard "Indian Agency General" was unrolled from the wall of 42 Peiping Road, the newest embassy in the capital of China was momentarily without an Ambassador and a national flag.

Outwardly there was hardly anything to indicate that overnight one of Nanking's most junior diplomatic missions had blossomed into a top-ranking embassy.

Twenty-one embassies and four legations are now established inside Nanking's ancient city wall.

Observers were scarcely surprised when the Governments of China and India raised the status of their respective diplomatic missions to the level of embassies.

Being neighbours and possessing two of the largest sets of humanity in the world, there are many economic, cultural links and traditional affinities binding China and India.

New Inventory

Pandit Nehru, Vice-President of the Indian Interim Government, who has consistently championed the democratic aspirations of a united China, has just unspooled a new inventory of big Powers.

Mr. Nehru boldly named the United States, the Soviet Union, India and China as the "Four World Powers."

China likewise attaches great importance to the consolidation of her relations with India. A Chinese Foreign Office official told me that the appointment of the first Chinese Ambassador to New Delhi was a matter warranting the personal attention of the Generalissimo.

The official said that the Generalissimo would choose "one of our best men" for the post. There has been inevitable speculation, although well-informed quarters are unusually reluctant to suggest a name.

Qualified Candidates

A few key Government officials who are most frequently mentioned as well-qualified candidates in unofficial circles are Dr Kan Nai-kun, Political Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Dr Wan Yuan-ning, member of the Legislative Yuan and Dr Sun Fo's right-hand man. (Dr Wan was one-time Chinese representative of the Ministry of Information in Hongkong).

While the appointment of these two officials is doubtlessly acceptable, it is questionable if the Government could spare either.

Dr Kan, born in Kwangsi 50 years ago, held top Government posts ever since his graduation from Lingnan University in 1922.

Dr Wan, 40 years old, graduated from Cambridge University, and was a Ministry of Information's representative in India four years ago.

The implications of the decision to open up full diplomatic relations between India and China are many and far-reaching. Revival of common interests which have waned somewhat since the monumental travel records of Huen Tsang and other Chinese Buddhist scholars in the early centuries, has already begun.

There is no doubt that the growth of a Pan-Asian sentiment will certainly be accelerated.—Reuter.

Jap Peace Conference May Be Earlier Than Thought

Gifu, Oct. 28 (UP).—Premier Shigeru Yoshida told the press today that he hoped his Cabinet would continue in office until the peace treaty conference on Japan was held.

He believed that, owing to the favourable trend toward recovery of worldwide economy as well as trade, the peace conference might be held sooner than was commonly expected.

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French Air Liner Passenger's Allegations

Cairo, Oct. 28 (UP).—A survivor charged to-day that the pilot of the ill-fated French airliner which crashed in the Egyptian desert refused to heed the appeals of the passengers that the plane should land at Cairo although the radio had failed six times since the take-off from Paris.

Elie Sisson, Oriental secretary of the Jewish Agency, said the pilot snapped "Mind your own business" when the passengers recognised Cairo as the plane circled the airfield and suggested that he should land.

The pilot, Sisson declared, kept reassuring those aboard that he was fully confident and capable of picking out Cairo airport.

Sisson said the plane after passing Cairo continued through Upper Egypt; until the fuel ran out and crashed into the hill as the pilot tried to make a forced landing on the desert plateau.

The airliner caught fire and the passengers had to break out of the flaming wreckage. They started tumbling downhill and piled up against a rock on the edge of a 20-foot precipice. All of the 18 passengers were injured.

The passengers were stranded on the desert for 48 hours before reaching hospital.

Benzene Derivative Sweeter Than Sugar

Prof Pieter Verkade of Delft Technical University, Holland, has reported the discovery of a new chemical compound 4,000 times as sweet as cane-sugar which promises far-reaching economies in food, candy and beverage industries and may help to end the worldwide sugar shortage.

Addressing the Chengtu section of the American Chemical Society, Prof Verkade said the new substance, which he declared is by far the sweetest known to man, is a benzene derivative. Developed during the war, it is already being manufactured in the Netherlands and has been used successfully as sweetening agent there and in several other European countries where it has been patented. Verkade said the application for an American patent has been filed. He said the enormous industrial potentialities of the compound are suggested by comparison with saccharine and dulcine which were the only synthetic sweetening agents in practical use until recently.

He said saccharine is only 200 to 700 times as sweet as cane sugar while dulcine is 70 to 250 times as sweet. He said paraldehyde, which is a compound described as perfume, with a taste 2,000 times as sweet as sugar, formerly held the record for sweetening power.

He said the new benzene derivative has only slight solubility in water but due to its high sweetening power this solubility is sufficient in every respect.

BERLIN BOROUGH MAYOR INJURED

Berlin, Oct. 28. (UP).—Martin Kellerman, deputy Mayor of the Berlin borough of Mitte, was in a critical condition in Berlin hospital to-day as the result of an October 26 accident in which his chauffeur was killed by a German highway police.

Kellerman's driver, Herbert Horn, was shot to death by a German policeman when he ignored warnings to stop at a roadblock near Bernau, 30 miles from Berlin.

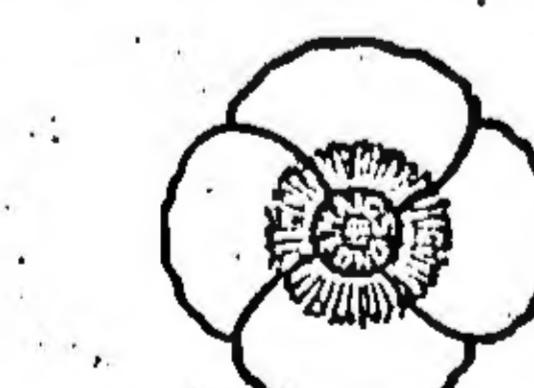
The car was travelling at 30 miles an hour when it crashed into a tree, injuring both Kellerman and his wife, the police said.

Kellerman, a Socialist Party member, is the second Russian-appointed official to be involved in shooting within a week. On October 23 the body of Hans Humerachmidt, Mayor of Ruhlsdorf, Brandenburg, was found in a ditch near Berlin and the police are still searching for his slayer.

They reported long strides in the development of guided missiles but emphasized that push-button war was still a long way off—some 10 to 25 years away.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY



EARL HAIG'S FUND HONGKONG.

Remembrance Day will be observed on 10th November.

Poppies will be sold on Saturday, 9th November.

It is a day of remembrance dedicated to those who fought and endured to maintain our freedom and to us. It has become also an occasion when those distant parts of the Empire turn their thoughts to Britain and feel that they too have lost a brother whom she has created and so splendidly maintained throughout the centuries.

It is even more necessary than ever before to secure support for Earl Haig's Fund for the war disabled. The need is great, and the Committee of the British Legion, Hongkong, which you will wish to be identified in an endowment to alleviate the distress of the present and future sufferers.

If you wish to contribute something to do deserving a cause cheques should be made payable to "Memorance Day Fund" and sent to Mrs. Percy Smith & Co., Windsor House, Hongkong. Donations will be acknowledged in the Press.

FACTS ABOUT THE WORLD'S FOOD SITUATION

TWO-THIRDS OF POPULATION NORMALLY UNDERNOURISHED

TWO of every three of the world's population normally are undernourished and many more probably are doomed to malnutrition in the future, the Population Reference Bureau reports.

The Bureau was organised as a non-profit scientific educational organisation for purposes of gathering, co-relating and distributing population data.

One of its aims is to point out what it considers to be the need for population limitation as a means of improving world conditions.

The Bureau, in its latest publication, quoted the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr Clinton P. Anderson as saying: "The present food crisis is not an unusual situation—it is only unusually severe. There's never enough food in the world to give everyone what he needs to eat, at any given moment. Two-thirds of the world's people are chronically undernourished.

Evidence of Mr Anderson's claim is witnessed daily as starvation mounts in India and China.

The Population Reference Bureau said that easing of this chronic food deficiency is supposed to be accomplished by increasing the food producing capacity of large countries like China, Russia and India.

But, it said, "assuming that the food producing capacity of such large parts of the earth could be doubled, this would be no match for the increase in population" which should result if death rates of these countries are cut to the levels of the U.S., Great Britain and Canada.

Population Factor

Although most people think the present food famine stems from war destruction, the Department of Agriculture says "world production of all foods in 1945-46 was about five per cent less than in pre-war." It points out, however, that allowances for wartime population increases cuts the per capita food production about 12 per cent. Thus increases in population account for about seven per cent of food deficiencies.

The Population Reference Bureau figures reiterate the 18th Century Malthusian theory that population tends to increase far more rapidly

than its food supply, causing the weakest to starve.

While intensified agricultural methods have greatly increased food stocks since the days of Malthus, recent death rates have been reduced and birth rates increased.

During the ten years preceding World War II, the population increase equalled the combined totals of the United States, Great Britain and Canada.

The Bureau fears that in these statistics are the roots of to-day's disputes.

Population Bulletin, organ of the Bureau, said: "The increase of 563,000,000 between 1900 and 1940 may have set the stage for the present world food crisis, if not also for World Wars I and II.

The bulletin insists that only through exploitation of natural resources by modern mechanical methods has the world been able to support a tremendously increased population. But it maintains that the price for his exploitation must be paid.

British scientists Whyte and Jneka in their book "Vanishing Lands" state that "the price that has been and still must be paid, in soil and social security, prosperity, health, contentment, and aesthetic values that go with it, is incalculable."

"Pork Barrel"

During the past 50 years the New World, led by the United States, has been the world's "pork barrel."

Suspiciously eyeing the Old World, the Population Bureau urges that now is the time for the United States to conserve its natural resources.

Population experts estimate 100,000,000 people as an ideal number for the United States. The latest count is 40,000,000 above that figure.

At the same time, the end of American resources is beginning to be seen.

Official surveys show that known usable reserves of 22 essential minerals have been cut to a 35-year supply; that we are losing the equivalent of 200 40-acre farms

every day through erosion that in the 30 years from 1909 through 1938 U.S. standing timber decreased 40 per cent.

IMPROVED ROCKETS

Should be Very Helpful In Scientific Work

Washington, Oct. 28 (UP).—Army Air Forces sources disclosed that improved rockets were being developed which would penetrate much farther than the German V-2 that recently soared some 100 miles over White Sands. They said the missiles would be equipped with vacuum chambers which would open automatically on reaching the ionosphere and take "samples" of rarefied atmosphere for study by scientists, other data to be recorded by cameras and technical equipment built into rockets.

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SIDE GLANCES



"We're attracting quite a lot of attention—I never did like this loud shirt you bought me!"

Truman's Link With The Press And Public

(By William Hardcastle)

When a newspaper story begins "The White House said to-day . . . the reporter is almost certainly quoting the Missouri drawl of a tall, sad-looking ex-newspaperman who, for \$2,500 a year acts as chief link between Mr Harry Truman and the press and public.

He is Mr Charles G. Ross—newspapermen familiarly call him "Charlie" and none of the reference books say what the "G" stands for—so-called Presidential Press Secretary, friend of the Chief Executive since High School days, and one of the top members of that important but unofficial body which political enemies term the White House "kitchen cabinet."

In the opinion of most experienced Washington observers, Mr Ross has one of the most unpleasant and least rewarding posts in the American Government. Though, as the President's No. 1 secretary, he ranks as an important adviser on matters of policy and protocol, his main task is to keep the press informed about everybody and everything in the White House.

Daily Conference

Every morning at 10.30 a.m.—except on Sundays or when the President is out of town—when he holds press conference; reporters who spend the day handling about the White House lobby hoping to catch and interview Presidential callers shuffle into his office and hear his account of Mr Truman's activities.

He runs through the day's calling list, tickling off the reasons for the various visits, issues or forewarns of any statement by the President that is due that day, and submits himself to all and any questions about the White House and its far-flung interests.

Often enough in time of crisis, domestic or foreign, he has the press into his office several times a day; often while, say, crucial strike negotiations are going on a back-midnight, he is at his desk until after midnight.

Generally speaking, he is frank with the Press, indulging rarely in diversionary "no comments" or "I don't know," his wisdom goes "off the record" either, but allows newspapermen to quote his words direct, or else to attribute them to an un-identified "White House spokesman."

Watch for Traps

Of his many other duties—press surveying, contacting, speech and statement formulation—his chief is that of "stage managing" the President's own weekly press conferences. Here, he is supposed to listen closely to every word the President says, advise him on a tricky question if necessary, and head him off "booby traps" that cunning reporters try to set in the frank give-and-take of these sessions.

It is, in fact, for his part in these conferences that Mr Ross has suffered most criticism. It has been said that, if he had grasped the full significance of the occasion, he might have averted the severe mistakes the President has made at his recent press conferences—particularly the one which touched off the recent "Wallace crisis."

Whether such criticism is justified, it is not easy to say. One thing is certain, however, Ross is sincere—some say fanatically—devoted to his "boss."

It is a friendship founded in schoolboy experiences together. The friendship has ripened though remained constant ever since. They both graduated from Independence, Missouri, High School at the same time. While Mr Truman first went into farming, then the haberdashery business, then into state and finally national politics, Mr Ross carved out for himself a distinguished career in American journalism.

Elder Statesman

Apart from a spell as professional of journalism at the University of Missouri, Mr Ross spent 28 years working for the highly respected St Louis Post Dispatch. All but five of those years were spent in Washington, first in general reporting, which won him a Pulitzer Prize for outstanding newspaper work, then as an "elder statesman" journalist confining himself to writing occasional reflective, interpretive articles on economic and political developments, which were widely read not only in St Louis but throughout the nation.

The day after Mr Roosevelt died, Mr Truman rang up Mr Ross and said: "I want you to be my press secretary." Mr Ross accepted promptly, and has held the post ever since.

He is one of several fellow Missourians whom the President has gathered round him as White House staff and "kitchen cabinet."

Charlie Ross has one of the toughest and most difficult jobs the President has to offer.

SHIPPING NEWS

Aircraft Carrier: Glory, 1.
Cruiser: Belfast, 2; Bermuda, Dry
Destroyer: Penn, AFD; Cosack, South
Wall Tidal Basin; Conest, South Wall on
Cosack; Constance Fl.
Torpedo Vessel: Opossum, Aberdeen Dry
Dock
Submarine Depot Ship: Admire, North
Arm.
Ammunition: Astute, Tally-Ho, Taikoo;
Talbot, on Adams, Neches (AO 47), A4; YP
345 on Neches; George (DE 677), A4.
Chinese Frigate: Foo Po, on Tam
Shui.
Lettuce LST: Chung Hua, M4; Chung
Tin.

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Depot Ship: Tamar (afloat), West Arm.
WAB: Fort Constantine, A14.
Store Ship: Fort Rosalie, Out
Fuel Jetty: Fort Sandwick, 16; Fort Prov
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AMIS: Fort Langley, E2
Ship run by: For Sea Transport
Ordnance: Katskasi, E2
Officers: Celere, Empire Damself, Rapido, Yamauchi, Anchorage, Birchell,
Oil Fuel Jetty; Empire Garden, Governor, Oil
Fuel Jetty; Wave Chief, E2; War Stars,
123.

Boat Defense Vessel: Baronin, Boom
Defense Depot: Kowloon; Barford, Mac
Mills.

Salvage Vessel: King Salvor, North
Arm, Tidal Basin, 23, 24, Mackie's, 26,

Williamson, 27; Shekou Maru, Mackie's
Rescue Tugs: Encore, Tidal Basin, En
ticer, East Arm, 1107, 3103, Kowloon
Camber, 1100, Aberdeen, 1101, 1102, 1103,
Tug: Rockpidgeon, Rockglen, Rockland,
Tidal Basin, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104,
Tug: Rockforest, Rockwing, Rock
mount, Kowloon Camber, Outside Wall,
Merchant Ships

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Baltia, Yamauchi, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104,
Hawkins, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106,
Hullina, Yamauchi, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104,
Carter II, Tsun Wan, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104,
Cloudy Victory, All, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104,
Chungking, Kowloon Bay, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104,
Dawn, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107,
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